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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 11025

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJECT: YOUNG VISIT TO NAIROBI: OTTAWAY STATUS

REF: PRETORIA 4404

1. THIS CABLE DEALS ONLY WITH QUESTION OF WASH POST CORRESPONDENT DAVID OTTAWAY ACCOMPANYING AMBASSADOR YOUNG. SEPTTEL WILL PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF NAIROBI PROGRAM.

2. THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN AVOID THE ISSUE OF OTTAWAY'S INADMISSIBILITY

TO KENYA. AS RECENTLY AS TWO MONTHS AGO WE RAISED THIS QUESTION FORMALLY WITH KENYA GOVERNMENT FOR SECOND TIME SINCE HE WAS DECLARED PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT. MATTER WENT ALL THE WAY TO VICE PRESIDENT MOI, AND WAS CONSIDERED BY OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AS WELL. DESPITE SUPPORT FOR OTTAWAY FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE FINAL DECISION WAS NEGATIVE -- OTTAWAY REMAINS A PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT. KENYANS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT

THIS APPLIES TO OTTAWAY PERSONALLY, NOT TO HIS PAPER, AND THAT THE PROBLEM IS THAT HIS PRESENCE IS CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE BY KENYATTA HIMSELF AS A RESULT OF STORY HE WROTE ON RUBY MINE TAKEOVER IN CONFIDENTIAL

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3. IF OTTAWAY ARRIVES ON RAF AIRCRAFT WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG, THE KENYANS WILL SURELY BAR HIM FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY. THERE IS NO CHANCE THAT GOK WILL REVERSE ON ONE DAY'S NOTICE A DECISION THEY REFUSED TO REVERSE AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION (AND SUBSTANTIAL AMERICAN LOBBYING) JUST TWO MONTHS AGO. OUR INSISTENCE ON THIS

WOULD, IN MY JUDGEMENT, PRECIPITATE A CONFRONTATION WHICH I ASSUME
WE WISH TO AVOID -- ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED FEELIN
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THAT KENYA STOP IS ESSENTIALLY A BRITISH SHOW AND OTTAWAY PROBLEM
WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY MAR OWEN'S VISIT AS WELL AS YOUNG'S.

4. I MUST THEREFORE RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT OTTAWAY NOT ATTEMPT
TO ACCOMPANY YOUNG/OWEN PARTY.

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